

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
SEPTEMBER 15, 1994

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, September 15, 1994, at 9:00 a.m., in room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Nell Rogers, William Seal, and George Walker.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Barnett, William Box, William Bunch, Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Robert L. McClellan, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Breazeale at 9:10 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Paul Breazeale.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

Paul Breazeale recognized and welcomed the following visitors: Dr. Charles C. Alexander, Principal Investigator, Mississippi Rural Systemic Initiative, Mr. Bill Blasingame, State Department of Education, Dr. David Haraway, Chairman of the MACJC, Michele M. Smith, Athletic Director and Robert Eakins, Softball Coach, Meridian Community College, and Frank Spencer, Assistant Attorney General.

Mac McClellan introduced Ms. Nema Corey, who was selected as the 1994 NJCAA Female Athlete of the Year. She is a graduate of Meridian Community College and is now attending the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The Board also heard comments from Ms. Michelle M. Smith, Athletic Director and Mr. Robert Eakins, Softball Coach of Meridian Community College.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board approved the minutes of the August 18, 1994, meeting as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

Chairman Paul Breazeale stated that he would entertain a motion for a closed determination to consider the need for an executive session. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to have a closed determination to consider going into executive session.

The meeting was then closed for a determination of the necessity for executive session. Members present were: Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Nell Rogers, William Seal, and George Walker. Others present were: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director; Sandra Lucas, Frankie Walton White and Frank Spencer, Office of the Attorney General. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Alton Bankston, the board voted unanimously to go into executive session to investigate allegations of possible misconduct or violation of law with respect to the Mississippi Community College Foundation pursuant to Section 25-41-7(4)(d).

Chairman Breazeale announced to all persons in attendance at the regular meeting, the purpose for which the SBCJC had voted to go into executive session.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Ray discussed with SBCJC members allegations which raised questions of possible misconduct and legal issues associated with the Mississippi Community College Foundation, and expressed concerns over disbursement of public funds. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to ask the Attorney General's Office to initiate any investigative procedure deemed appropriate and necessary, and to provide counsel and advise on appropriate Board action.

It was the consensus of members present that the special Committee on Foundation Affairs should be revived to review current guidelines for foundations.

On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to return to regular session.

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges' regular September Board meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

** Ms. Jan Hillegus entered the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray informed Board members that on October 19, 1994, the Work Force Education Kick-Off Campaign would be held beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Board will have their regularly Wednesday evening meeting on October 19, with the regular Board meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 20. After the Board meeting a joint luncheon meeting with the members of the Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration will be held at Primos Northgate.

Dr. Ray reported to the Board his intention to seek two additional employees, a manager of information system and a technical/programmer, with salaries in the range of \$40,000 to \$45,000.

Dr. Ray encouraged all Board members to attend the Joint Legislative Budget hearing today at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Ray reported on the appointment of SBCJC member George Walker as co-chairman of the State Work Force Council.

Dr. Ray reminded Board members that he is in the process of visiting with all of the community/junior colleges Boards of Trustees.

Dr. Ray read a thank you note from former SBCJC Chairman Lanny Monroe expressing thanks for the expressions of sympathy shown his family during the recent death of his wife.

Dr. Ray's Out-of-Town Schedule:

- September 16 - Speech in Hattiesburg
- September 22 - 23 - MS ETV premier showing of "The River", Washington, D. C.
- September 29 - Personal Leave
- September 30 - ABE Fall Conference, MS Gulf Coast Community College
- October 7 - Governor's Retreat
- October 11 - Pearl River Community College Trustees' meeting
- October 13 - MS Delta Community College Trustees' meeting.

Mr. Perrin Purvis requested that with the Board's involvement in EdNet and ETV, program guides be mailed to SBCJC members.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC REPORT

Dr. David Haraway reported on the following items discussed at the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges' meeting on August 23, 1994:

A meeting was held with Dr. Therrell Myers on the changes in the teacher certification process and asked for the presidents' input. Dr. Myers introduced a plan called "Overview and Profile of Mississippi Tech Prep Initiative" as it related to community/junior colleges.

A presentation was given by the Academic Deans' Association concerning academic calendars for 1996 - 1997. Two calendars were adopted.

An invitation was received from University of Mississippi Chancellor, Gerald Turner inviting the Association to hold its meeting on the Ole Miss campus. Dr. Haraway reported that the MACJC was looking at either November or December for this meeting.

A Bimonthly Capital Improvement Report was presented for the Board's information. No action was required. (Exhibit C)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by Patricia Puckett, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve assessments upon community/junior colleges to defray SBCJC expenses for FY 1995. (Exhibit D)

Mrs. Puckett presented for the Boards' information and review financial data sheets compiled from the fifteen community/junior colleges for FY 1994. (Exhibit E)

A report on community/junior colleges audit results for the period of 1991-1993 was presented for the Board's review. No action was required. (Exhibit F)

A report of general fund lapses and special fund carryforwards was presented for the Board's review. No action was required. (Exhibit G)

Mrs. Puckett presented for the Boards' information a breakdown of September Disbursements of Education Enhancement Fund appropriations in the amount of \$1,890,035.50. No action was required. (Exhibit H)

Mrs. Puckett presented for the Boards' information, financial statements for funds 2291, 3291, and 4300. No action was required. (Exhibit I)

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to accept the report of the finance committee.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Bill Bunch covered items listed on the Program Committee agenda.

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by George Walker, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Radiography Technology 2.3/51.0907 for Northeast Mississippi Community College.

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to give certificate level approval to Respiratory Therapy 2.3/51.0908 at Northeast Mississippi Community College.

Mr. Bunch distributed to Board members a report of class minutes based on a survey distributed to all community and junior colleges to make certain that according to standards they are meeting their classes the appropriate length of time.

WORK FORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. George Walker reported on the Work Force Education Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 14, 1994. Mr. Walker distributed to Board members a copy of the State Work Force Development Council. The Co-Chairmen for this Work Force Development Council will be George Walker and Jimmy Heidel, Executive Director of the Mississippi

Department of Economic and Community Development. Mr. Walker also distributed to Board members an interim Skill/Tech directory. The Board members were also given copies of the strategic plan for developing the essential components or guidelines for strategic planning by each District Council. Mr. Walker announced that the Governor would be the keynote speaker at the Skill/Tech Program Kick-Off, scheduled for October 19, 1994.

Mr. Walker reported on the development of a 5-year plan for the SBCJC, that will be submitted with the FY 1996 budget request.

GED REPORT

Mr. Bill Box reported to Board members on the volume of testing during the prior year, and an evaluation of Mississippi testing sites. Between January 1, and August 31, 1994, 10,148 answer booklets have been processed and 4,432 GED Diplomas have been issued. The greatest number of transcripts ever issued for persons who have previously taken the GED was recorded in the month of August, 1990.

Essays portions of the GED are scored at essay scoring sights that are monitored by the GED Testing Service. Mr. Box distributed to Board members criteria used for scoring GED essays. (Exhibit J)

FALL ENROLLMENT AUDIT

Bill Bunch presented for the Board's review and information, the fall enrollment audit schedule (Exhibit K)

SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Dr. Walter Howell presented a report on the SBCJC Skills Enhancement Program. He distributed to Board members a brochure outlining this program which is essentially a workplace literacy program, and a 1994 program year end report.

EDNET REPORT

Paul Breazeale reported that the first royalty check from TruVision had been received in the amount of \$700.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Paul Breazeale asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously approved requests for travel expense reimbursement from George Walker, William Seal, Alton Bankston, Nell Rogers, Patricia Puckett, Paul Breazeale, Amos Bridges, and Perrin Purvis to attend a Work Force Committee meeting and a Wednesday evening planning session on September 14, 1994.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Jan Hillegas remarked to the Board on the importance of public and government access in connection with EdNet. She asked that the Board consider supporting this endeavor.

Mr. Breazeale reminded Board members that the November 17, 1994, Board meeting will be held at East Central Community College in Decatur, MS. Also, plans are to hold a spring meeting at Mississippi State University.

Mac McClellan confirmed with Board members the joint luncheon meeting of the SBCJC and IHL to be held on January 19, 1995, at the Ramada Plaza in Jackson, Mississippi.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by William Seal, seconded by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.


Paul Breazeale, Chairman



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Executive Director